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SUBJECT: US AID PROGRAM TO PORTUGAL

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1. HAD HOUR MEETING JANUARY 8 WITH PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO DURING WHICH I REVIEWED WITH HIM DETAILS OF US AID PROGRAM. HE SEEMED PLEASED WITH OUR PROGRESS AND RESPONDED FAVORABLE TO MY SUGGESTION THAT A CENTRAL COORDINATION POINT BE DESIGNATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS ALREADY SIGNED IN ORDER TO ASSURE OPTIMUM USE OF THE FUNDS.

2. PRIME MINISTER ALSO BEMOANED FLIGHT OF TECHNICIANS AND LACK OF TECHNICAL CAPACITY IN GOP TO DEVELOP PROJECTS FOR FOREIGN FINANCING. I RAISED POSSIBILITY OF USING OECD IN THIS CONNECTION, AND LEFT A SUMMARY OF REFTEL. AZEVEDO SEEMED INTERESTED IN OECD POSSIBILITY AND PROMISED TO PURSUE IT.

3. AZEVEDO SAID HE CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ECONOMIC
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SITUATION. RECENT IMF ASSISTANCE, ON WHICH HE APPRECIATED US

SUPPORT, WOULD EASE THE MAJOR STRAIN, BUT ADDITIONAL FOREIGN
AID WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE APPRECIATED USG EFFORTS TO DATE AND
HOPED THAT OUR COOPERATION WOULD CONTINUE. I ASSURED HIM IT
WOULD.
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